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1. DI MUCCIO CALLED EMBOFF TO MFA JAN. 17 TO RECEIVE
MFA NOTE 079/00908 DATED JAN. 17 IN REPLY TO EMBASSY'S
NOTE 34 (REFTEL). INFORMAL TRANSLATION WITH UNNECESSARY
WORDS OMITTED PROVIDED PARA 2.

2. BEGIN TEXT. MFA, REFERRING TO EMBASSY'S NOTE 34
OF JANUARY 16, 1978, HAS HONOR OF CONVEYING THAT
ITALIAN SIDE, RECONFIRMING WHAT WAS STATED IN NOTE
079/22076 OF DECEMBER 23, 1977, BELIEVES IT CAN MEET
DESIRES EXPRESSED BY US SIDE, PROPOSING FOLLOWING
AGENDA FOR WORK OF NEXT MEETING AT WASHINGTON ON
JANUARY 23:

A) REVIEW OF EXISTING AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT ON BASIS OF
ART. 11. ISSUES RELATING TO CARGO FLIGHTS AND AIRPORT PRACTICES.

B) EX POST FACTO, SUMMER, 1977.

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C) CONSULTATIONS PASSENGER FARES.

AT SAME TIME, BUT SEPARATELY, ITALDEL AVAILABLE TO
INITIATE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON CHARTER ISSUE AND PROVIDE
CLARIFICATIONS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ON CHARTER REGULATIONS
FOR 1978. (COURTESY CLOSE) END TEST.

3. DI MUCCIO THEN RATHER CAREFULLY REPEATED COMMENTS, OFFICIALLY THIS TIME, REPORTED PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTTEL, EMPHASIZING THAT GOI WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE RESPONSIVE TO US DESIRES HAD IT RECEIVED WRITTEN TEXTS OF AGREEMENT REVISIONS US WANTS AND OF PROPOSED CHARTER AGREEMENT. HE ADDED THAT LACK OF THESE TEXTS UNDERCUT MFA'S ABILITY TO INFLUENCE OTHER GOI AGENCIES TO ACCEPT US REQUESTS. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT MFA'S LATEST NOTE (PARA 2, ABOVE) REPRESENTS AN ADJUSTMENT OF GOI POSITION TOWARD US POSITION. STILL, MISSING TEXTS FORCE GOI TO STICK TO ITS LEGAL POSITION ON WHAT MAY BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF REVISION OF AGREEMENT UNDER ART. 11. HE INDICATED GOI NOT RIGID ON CHARTERS AND HINTED THAT IF TEXTS FINALLY SUBMITTED DURING NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON, ITALDEL MIGHT SHIFT ITS POSITION FURTHER ON CHARTER ISSUES.

4. DI MUCCIO SAID AMBASSADOR FARACE WILL LEAD ITALDEL AND THAT OTHER LIKELY MEMBERS WILL BE DGCA COLLINI, SITAJOLO (CIVILAVIA), LIOI (CIVILAVIA), PIETROSANTO (MFA), MANZARI (MFA LEGAL COUNSELOR) AND SEVERAL MORE. WHEN EMBOFF REMARKED ON INCLUSION OF COLLINI IN ITALDEL, DI MUCCIO SAID ITALDEL NEEDED BE IN POSITION TO MAKE AS MANY DECISIONS AS POSSIBLE ON THE SPOT. HE ADDED THAT MANZARI INCLUDED TO ENABLE ITALDEL DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH INTERPRETATION OF ART. 11. AT THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POINT, DI MUCCIO SAID HE EARNESTLY HOPED US DEL WOULD HAVE ALL TEXTS POSSIBLE AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT AS NEAR OPENING OF SESSION AS POSSIBLE. DI MUCCIO SAID HE WOULD NOT ATTEND SESSION AS ITALDEL "TOO LARGE".

5. COMMENT. EMBOFF WAS AGAINSTRUCK BY DI MUCCIO'S CONCILIATORY MOOD WHICH, TOGETHER WITH HIS USUAL SEMI-CRYPTIC REMARKS, INDICATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON CHARTERS MIGHT BE PLACED ON MORE SOLID, SUBSTANTIVE BASIS DURING FORTHCOMING SESSION POSSIBLY WITHOUT CONCEDING MUCH ON CAPACITY CONTROLS, BUT CERTAINLY WITH SUBMISSION OF ALL US TEXTS POSSIBLE. IT MAY BE WORTH NOTING THAT WHEN EMBOFF SUGGESTED TO DI MUCCIO RECENTLY THAT GOI BILL BEFORE PARLIAMENT ON CHARTERS DID NOT SEEM TO AMOUNT TO MUCH, DI MUCCIO DEMURRED, SAYING THOUGHT IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO STARTING UP ITALIAN CHARTER AIRLINE SEPARATE FROM ALITALIA AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES. OTHER EMBOFF CONTACTS THUS FAR INDICATE THAT PROSPECT VERY REMOTE. GARDNER

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